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SUBJECT: LETTER OF AUSTRIAN MP SUGGESTING ROUND TABLE ON CSCE

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED DECEMBER 6, 1976 (SEE
REFTEL), ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADORS OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST
COUNTRIES THAT PARTICIPATED IN CSCE AND TO PRESIDENT OF
FINNISH PARLIAMENT BY KARL CZERNETZ, SOCIALIST MEMBER OF
AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF PARLIAMENTARY
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
OF EUROPE'S PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY: BEGIN QUOTE:

YOUR EXCELLENCY, MAY I PASS ON TO YOU A SUGGESTION FOR
HOLDING A 'ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION BETWEEN EUROPEAN
POLITICIANS FROM EAST AND WEST'? I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF
YOU COULD FORWARD IT TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN
YOUR COUNTRY.

OUR OBJECT IS TO FOLLOW UP THE SPIRIT OF THE FINAL ACT
OF HELSINKI BY INVITING REPRESENTATIVES OF POLITICAL
LIFE FROM THE EUROPEAN STATES TAKING PART IN CSCE (IF
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POSSIBLE LEADING FIGURES FROM POLITICAL PARTIES OR
PARLIAMENTS) TO A PRIVATE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS THAT WOULD
GIVE RISE TO NO COMMITMENTS. THERE ARE NO PLANS TO
TAKE ANY DECISIONS OR PASS ANY RESOLUTIONS.

MR. LEOPOLD GRATZ, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VIENNA AND HEAD
OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, HAS OFFERED TO INVITE

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POLITICAL WORLD TO VIENNA FOR THIS DISCUSSION, SAY ON FRIDAY 25 AND SATURDAY 26 MARCH 1977. HE WOULD PROVIDE THE MEETING ROOMS AND TECHNICAL FACILITIES.

IN MY OPINION, THIS ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION COULD HELP ENORMOUSLY TO CLARIFY VIEWS BEFORE THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE. IT SHOULD AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE FURTHER PROGRESS OF POLITICAL DETENTE IN EUROPE FRANKLY AND OPENLY, AND HENCE TO MAKE A GENUINE CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI.

AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE A FAVOURABLE REPLY, THE MAYOR OF VIENNA WILL SEND AN INVITATION TO THE PERSONS NOMINATED BY YOUR COUNTRY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU SOON.

PLEASE ACCEPT, YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. /S/ KARL CZERNETZ
END QUOTE.BUCHANAN

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